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well!"
"Don't thank me yet, Julian,"
returned his father with a smile.
"Bear in mind that you haven't
won the prize, or got the bloat yet."
"But! mean to have both, father," said Julian, confidently.
"I hope you may, my boy. You
may be sure that I shall have great
pleasure in currying out my your of "Thope your lay, my boy. You may be sure that I shall have great pleasure in currying out my part of the contract."

There was no four now but that Julian would exert himself to the cellent, all "I hat his classes."

That his classes.

cellent, all his school-mates were agreed. Indeed, it was generally thought that the prize lay between him and Harry Carter, a boy of

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I am glad to say that Harry was none the less respected by his school-fellows because he perform-ed these mental duties. He was a frank, manly boy, and as popular, as Julian. In fact, the two boys were excellent friends, although they were rivals—a fact which was creditable to both

Some poor boys are disagreeably cial position.

leave them unchanged, and send interested as Julian in the announcement which the principal Harry accepted the invitation had made. He was honorably and with alacrity. He was anxions to

bitious of the distinction which would accrue to the winner of the

A Story of School Life.

"Young gentlemen," said Doctor Folis, Principal of the Oakland Classical Academy, "Fam desirons of encouraging the study of Eng-ilsh composition among you, and with this object in view I offer a prize of ten dollars for the best essay handed in by any of your number, during the present term, upon the subject which I am about to announce."

There was a hush of expectation

as the doctor paused.

"The subject will be, The lessons to be learned from the life and character of George Washington."

I have made this selection because on are all familiar with the caree and characteristics of this great man, and will, therefore, work on an equal footing."

Doctor Folio proceeded to an-

nonnee the required length of the essays, and the date at which they must be handed in. He concluded thus:

"Your manuscripts must be neatly written, and free from blots. A slovenly manuscript will fail to receive the prize, whatever its liter-

This announcement was received with profound interest by the fifty pupils of the academy. All considered the prize well worth trying for. To a school-boy ten dollars represents a large sum. Then, again, the lionor of earrying it off again the nonor of entrying it of would be great, and confer in hon-brable distinction upon the lucky winner. Of course all the boys spoke of the prize offer at their

One of the boys most interested

was Julian Holmes, son of a prom-inent lawyer in Oakland. "It is an excellent thought of Doctor Eolio," said Mr. Holmes, in a tone of approval. "I take it for granted, Julian, that you will com-I certainly shall, father," said

"Your chance ought to be a good You are a very good writer

one. You are a very good writer for a boy."
"Yes, father, I think my chance is good. I only wish I felt sure of it. The successful writer is to read his essay aloud at the exhibition on the harday of the term."

Julian's face flushed as he said this, for he was very ambitious, and had a large share of approbative, ess. That is, he enjoyed the esteem and respect of his fellow-pupils and his friends.
"It would be very gratifying to me, Julian, If you should win the prize," his father said.
"I will do my best, father."

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"I will do my best, father."
"A father is maturally proud of
the success of his children," continued Mr. Holmes. "I am so destrons that you should win this
prize that I will make you an additional offer."

Julian listened eagerly.
"You baye offen asked me to buy
you a row-boot, Julian."

about his own age.

There was a great deal of difference between the two rivals in so-cial position, though as regards scholarship and taleut they were on

an equality.

Julian, as I have said, was the son of a prominent lawyer, whose large professional income enabled him to live in handsome style: while Harry was the sot of a poor widow, and paid his fultion by sweeping out the academy, and acting as junitor. He received a small weekly sum in addition to

envious of their more fortunate companions, and some righ boys are mean enough to look flown hip, on those who occupy a lower so-cial nosition.

learn how good an essay his com-petitor had written.

At eight o'clock he rung the bell,

orize; and, moreover, the ten dol-ars would be a material help to ais mother. It was certain to go to her, if on; for flarry had no idea of ap-propriating the money selfishly. He knew what a hard struggle with the world his mother had, and he was anxious to help her in every

way.
"I shall be a happy boy if I win
that prize, mother," he said, when
he returned home from school.
"Think how much good ten dollars
will do no." will do us."

"That is true, Harry; but there something more. I shall be is something more. I shall be proud of you if you succeed." "So shall I, mother," said Harry,

Frankly, laughing as he spoke.

"Your chance ought to be good,
Harry," said his mother.

"It is good. The boys seem to
think it will be between Julian
Holmes and myself."

"Then Julian is a good writer?" inquired Mrs. Carter, auxiously,
"Excellent! I think, mother
honestly, that he stands rather :
better chance than I".

"That is because you are modest, Harry," said Mrs Carter, who, like, most mothers, was a little inclined to over-estimate her boy. "No, mother, I am not particu-

larly modest, but in calculating the chances I can't holp feeling that Julian stands fully as good a chance as I, and perhaps better." Harry needed no other incentive

to exertion, but one was added. A day or two later, he carried the quarter's rent to Mr. Delano, a dealer in books and stationary, who owned the small cottage tenanted by Mrs. Carter. He, too, anted by Mrs. Carter. He, too, had a son enrolled among the stu-

had a son enrolled among the students at the academy.

"Well, Harry," said Mr. Delano, pleasantly, "are you going to win the prize Doctor Folio has offered?"

"I am going to try, sir."

"My son tells me that you are one of the leading competitors."

"I think I have a fair chance, sir." said Harry, modestly.

"Wholay do you feer most?"

"Whom do you fear most?"
"Julian Holmes." "So he is your chief rival? I ope it don't disturb your friend-

"Not at all, sir. Julian is a

splendid fellow; and, if I can't wint I hope be will."

"That is the right spirit, my boy. I am glad you are free from envy and jealousy. I know Julian, and "It would be a great thing for

and paramaters and the same accel-lent boy. Yet I hope you may win, because you need it more."
"Julian will do his best. His father has promised to buy him a handsome row-boat if he succeeds."
"And what extra inducement "And what extra inducement

"Nothing; sir, beyond the ten dollars. That sum will be very useful to nother. She will be very much pleased with my success: but she cannot afford me anything." "Of course, not Harry; but 1

Harry looked at the bookseller ith surprise. What could be mean?
"I feel very friendly to you and your mother," the book seller went on. "Your father was a school-mate of mine. Now for my proposal. If you win this prize, I will take you into my store at a salary of five dollars a week—that is, if you care to come."

Harry's eyes sparkled with pleasure, He felt as if a fortune were promised him.

"What is that, Harry?"
"Don't let my mother hear of your kind offer,"
"Why not?" asked the book-

why was seller.

"Because, sir, she will be so much more disappointed if I fail If I succeed, I should like to have the pleasure of telling her myself." You are very coust lerate. Harry. It shall be as you say."
So it chanced that both Julian

and Harry had every inducement to-labor hard for the prize. Both began early, and, three before the time essays were to be handed in, each had completed his task.

They were walking home from school together, when Julian said "I have a proposal to make to you. Harry."
"What is it?"

"It seems to be thought that the prize is likely to come to one of

and was admitted by Julian himself, who ushered him into his pleasant little study. M str. The two boys sat down, and Harry produced his essay.

"Read yours first, Harry," said Lulian.

Julian.

Harry did so. The essay was well-conceived and well-expressed, and did the young write-credit. Yet Julian could not help secret-ly thinking his own as a little sunction.

ly thinking superior.

"Your essay is excellent," he said, and said it honestly

"Now for yours, Julian," said

"Now for yours, Julian, said Harry.

Julian read his essay. As he proceeded Harry's face began to lengthen. He was not blinded, by partiality for his own composition.

partiality for his own composition, and he could not help recognizing the superiority of his friend's.

As" Julian concluded, Harry said sadly:

"You will get the prize, Julian."

"Do not be too sure of that, Harry," said Julian, in siee flushed nevertheless with pleasure at this confirmation of his own judgment. "Yours is a very good one."

one."
"But not so good as yours."
"Julian could, not help noticing
the sadness of Harry's tore, and
its generous heart was touched." "Harry," he said, "will you romise not to be offended at what

You would propose nothing at which I could take offense."
"Then if I win the prize, will you let me put the money in your hands, and content myself with

"Your offer is a generous one, but I ought not to accept it. "There is no good reason why ou shouldn't Harry. The fact is, don't care for the money. I you shouldn't Harry. The fact is, I don't eare for the money. I should like the honor, and the row-boat which my father will buy me

if I win.

dollars, Julian. A good deal more depends on my success." "Mr. Delano has offered to give

Nor do Leare so much for ten

me a place at five dollars a week it ced. Julian whistled.
"Then I dont wonder you want to succeed, Harry."

us if I could get that place."
"Cheer up, Harry; you may win,
after all. I don't feel at all sure
that I shall win." that I shall win."
"I do; but wont think any more
about it this evening. I brought
over my books, and, if you like,
we will get our morning's lessons
touchber."

together "Just what I should like." At ten o'clock, Harry went home, "Mother," he said, "I have read Julian's essay, and I think it is

better than mine. I have given up all thoughts of the prize." "My dear Harry, you are too modest. Your essay is a beautiful, one. I am sure you will succeed!" Harry smiled faintly. He knew that his mother was influenced by

partiality.

that his mother was influenced by partiality.

When Julian was left alone he looked very sober.

"It would be a great shame that Harry should lose his prize when so much dopends upon it. Can I give it up? It will be very hard, but it is the only way in which I can help poor Harry."

There was a long struggle in Julian's mind. He had set his heart heart upon the row-boat, and he craved the distinction of reading his prize essay at the exhibition. But he had a generous heart, and selfishness was subdued.

He deliberately dipped his pen deep in the link, and dropped a large blot on the first page of his neatly-written essay.

"There," he said, with a sigh, "that spoils my chances." He replaced the disfigured manuscript in his desk, and went he said, with a sigh to bed. \* \* \*

Exhibition day came. It was the day on which public an the English prize, and there was great excitement in the school. What puzzled the other scholars was the sober faces of the two lead-ing competitors, and their indispo-sition to talk of the matter.

"They are afraid of each other,"

was the general verdiet "Both are feeling auxious."

It was not till the close of the exercises that Doctor Folio pre-ceeded to award the prize, "Young geatlemen," he said, "of the essays presented in competition for the prize which I offered some weeks since, all are creditable. There are two which are manifestly superior to the rest. These are the

superior to the est. These are the essays offered by Julian Hollings and Harry Carter. The former is, on the whole, the better of the two, and would be entitled to the prize but for one fatal objection. It is "I would like to read yours.
Suppose you came up to my house this evening. Thave a room where the evening. Thave a room where we shall not be disturbed. We shall not led disturbed. We will read our essays aloud, and compare sides. Of course we will leave them unchanged, and send them in as they are."

I would like to read yours, and many yourself, the better of the two, and they will on the whole, the better of the two, and would be cattlifed to the prize be under your on the whole, the better of the two, and they will on the whole, the better of the two, and would be cattlifed to the prize be under your on the whole, the better of the two, and they will on the whole, the better of the two, and would be cattlifed to the prize be under your on the whole, the better of the two, and would be cattlifed to the prize be under your on the whole, the better of the two, and would be cattlifed to the prize be under your on the whole, the better of the two, and would be cattlifed to the prize be under your on the whole, the better of the two, and would be cattlifed to the prize be under your on the whole, the better of the two, and would be cattlifed to the prize be under your on the whole, the better of the two, and would be cattlifed to the prize be under your on the whole, t

he returned Harry's benevolent look with such a friendly and car-dial smile that no one would have suspected his disappointmentment Harry rend this essay; and was coted with prolonged cheers.
When the exercises were over life

friends pressed forward with gratulations. Among them was Julian. "Dear Harry," he said, "I con-gratulate you heartily on your suc-

"Julian," said Harry, in a low

voice, "I think I understand it. You spoiled your essay to help "Hush!" said Julian smiling

"I have nothing to regret."
"I will tell Doctor Folio. You ought to have the credit of it."
"So I have. Didn't he say mine was a little better. No, Harry, let matters stand as they are."

"If it were not so important for me to win, I would not secept your "You musn't find an apology for my carelessness," said Julian, at this moment better satisfied than

if the prize were his. -- sa sa "I will never forget your generous kindness, dear Julian I" And Harry pressed his hand

warmly. "What does this mean, Julian?" asked his father, angrily, when they reached home. "How could you be so inexcusably careless? You know how much I wished you to succeed.

to succeed."

"Let me explain, father. I don't think you will blame me after you have heard all."

Julian told the story briefly, acknowledging the hard struggle he had with himself before he could make up his mind to saorifice his ambition on the altar of friendship.

ship.
"My dear boy," said the lawyer, his face radiant with pleasure, "Al and far prouder of you than if you had won, the prize, You have shown a not le heart, and you shall have the boy.

lose nothing by it. The row-boat shall be yours, and you shall have a better one even than I intended to give you." give-you."
So Julian obtained his boat and Harry his place, and they became warmer friends than ever. The rivalry which might have alienated less generous natures only riveted them more strongly together.

#### Hours and Minutes.

Why is one hour divided into sixty minutes? and each minute again into sixty seconds? Why not divide our time as we do money, by tens, counting ten, for fifty, or one hundred minutes to the hour? This question was asked by an intelligent boy a few days since; and the answer given him may both interest and instruct other young people. The answer

is this We have sixty divisions on the dials of our clocks and watches, be-cause the old Greek astronomer. Hipparchus, who lived in the sec-Hipparchus, who lived in the second century befere Christ, acception the Babylonian system, of cerkoning time, that system being sexigestinal. The Babylonians wera contained with the decimal system; but for common and practical purposes they counted by soral and suri, the sorar, representing sixty, and the seros, sixty times sixty, is 3,600. From Hipparchus, that mode of reckoning found its way into the works of Ptolemy, about 150 A. D., and, thence, was carried down the stream of science at d civilization, and found its way to the dial plates of our clocks and watches.

His Memory Was Too Good.

Witness—We chopped woodf Attorney—On the 31st? Witness—That was Sunday, and went squirrel-hunting. Attorney—What did he do on he 39.19 3247

at day. Attorney—What did he do on the

shaved out some handles. q Attorney—What did he do on the 34th? still wa Witness—He chopped tome

watches.

A lying witness will often tell a very glib story, but he generally fails to guard all his weak points. At a recent trial in court the following took place in attempting to save an alibi:

Attorney—You say that Ellis plowed for you all day on the 20th of November?

Witness, referring to his note-

Witness, referring to his note-Attorney-What did he do on the

Witness-He thrashed wheat on

Witness-It was raining, and he

Attorney-What did he do on

the—?
But before the question could be inished, the wife of the wilness seized him by the collar and whisked him outside of the wilnessbox, velling in his alleighted per—"You old fool, don't you know there are only thirty-one did's in the month of November?"

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It is easy to be a weather propinet in March. Only make it be